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## BURN BAN ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING:

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by Commissioners Court of Hudspeth County that all outdoor burning including burning of open range is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable status. This order does not prohibit outdoor burning such as well attended bon fires by the Independent School Districts, fires contained in branding boxes, fires used in the noncommercial preparation of food as long as it is contained in a grill and is not a nuisance or traffic hazard. This order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: (1) firefighter training (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048. Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resource Code.

Without exception, prior to burning for any reason the Hudspeth County Sheriffs' Office shall be notified and all fires shall be attended AT ALL TIMES as long as there is any evidence of a fire.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00

ADOPTED this 28th day of FEBRUARY 2023.

Joanna Mackenzie, County Judge Hudspeth County, Texas

Brenda Sanchez, County Clerk